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October 3, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDING COUNTY CODE RELATED TO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONS FOR NEW DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
(All Districts) (3 Votes)**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND  
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES:**

Approve the ordinance that amends Chapters 3.06, 3.29, 3.40 and 3.72 of the Los Angeles County Code to amend specific provisions related to the County's Commissions on Alcoholism, HIV, Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, and Children and Families First – Proposition 10, to align the composition and functions of those commissions under the Department of Public Health and to make other technical changes.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval will amend the County Code to align various provisions of the code related to commissions to conform with changes made to the code when the Board created the Department of Public Health and change the designation of a member of the Children and Families First – Proposition 10 (First 5 L.A.) commission from the Director of Health Services to the Director of Public Health.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no fiscal impact to this ordinance.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

On June 7, 2006, the Board adopted ordinances creating the new Department of Public Health, which became effective on July 6, 2006. One ordinance made changes to Title 6 (Salaries) and the other ordinance included changes to other relevant code changes to establish the new Department.

As noted in the Board letter, additional ordinance changes related to appointees to Commissions would be filed for your consideration. The attached ordinance contains those changes.

Preparation and review of changes are underway for such diverse areas as wholesale food facilities and veterinary public health, and will be included in a subsequent Board letter and ordinance.

The proposed code changes for the Commissions on Alcoholism, HIV, and Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs are simply changes to conform sections on administration, membership appointments and changes in County and State codes.

The only policy decision in the proposed ordinance is the change of the membership of the Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission to substitute the Director of Public Health for the Director of Health Services. The applicable state code section specifies that “two members of the county commission shall be from among the county health officer and persons responsible for management of the following county functions: children's services, public health services, behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services.”

When the Board established the local Children and Families First Commission, the Directors of Health Services and Mental Health were designated as members. Subsequently, these two members were allowed to have alternates, and the Director of Health Services designated the Director of Public Health as his alternate. Using this alternate designation, the Director of Public Health has served as the member for DHS for many years. The attached ordinance will designate the Director of Public Health as the member, replacing the Director of Health Services.

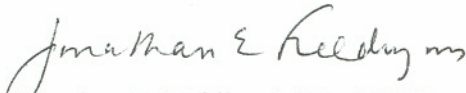
#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Not applicable.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECT):**

Approval of the ordinance will permit the Alcohol, HIV and Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs commissions to continue to function to advise the Board and the department concerning issues of Public Health and continue participation on the First 5 L.A. board by the Director of Public Health.

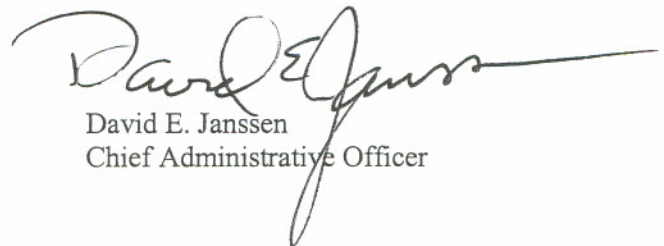
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachment

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Executive Director, First 5 L.A.

## ANALYSIS

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(8/31/06 Requested)  
(9/01/06 Revised)